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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 13, 2006**

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Sharonmarie Ball was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Marilyn L. Huff to serve 200 months in custody, based on Ball's conviction for an attempted murder committed on the North Island Naval Air Station (N.A.S.). Judge Huff also ordered that Ball serve a 3-year term of supervised release following her release from prison and to pay restitution in the amount of \$1405.00.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Alessandra P. Serano, Ball and co-defendant Jason Wayne Cline pled guilty on November 22, 2005, to a single-count indictment that charged each of them with attempted murder. Cline was sentenced on February 22, 2006, to serve 150 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release. Court documents in the case state that on April 5, 2005, Ball and Cline attempted to kill John J. Ball, Sharonmarie's husband, by stabbing him with a large knife. In connection with their guilty pleas, Ball and Cline admitted that they had planned to kill John J. Ball several days prior to the incident, and

had purchased the knife two days prior to the attack. Cline had flown from Dallas, Texas, to California to meet with Ball and carry out the murder. Subsequently, Ball lured her husband to a predetermined area on N.A.S. North Island where Cline was lying in wait. Cline was a sergeant in the United States Army stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

According to court documents, Ball and Cline met over the Internet in 2002, but that they first met face-to-face just days before the offense. Sharonmarie Ball was the beneficiary of \$250,000 in life insurance payable upon her husband's death.

### **DEFENDANTS**

SHARONMARIE BALL

JASON WAYNE CLINE

### **SUMMARY OF CHARGE**

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1113 (Attempted Murder) and 2 (Aiding and Abetting)  
Maximum Penalty: Twenty years' incarceration and a \$250,000 fine.

### **AGENCIES**

Naval Criminal Investigative Service  
Federal Bureau of Investigation